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ABSTRACT

This book provides school library media specialists (SLMSs) with practical guidelines and suggested Internet sites for designing cyber libraries that are reflective of their school's research, curriculum, and recreational reading needs. An introduction provides SLMSs with a rationale for designing cyber libraries. Chapter 1, Cyber Library Guidelines, addresses the need for planning cyber libraries that reflect the educational needs and interests of the entire school and the conventional school library media center (SLMC). Chapter 2, Cyber Library Policies, discusses the need for a formal set of policies and operating procedures. Chapter 3, Constructing Web Libraries, explores several options for the provision of the most essential component of a cyber library: a compilation of annotated, Internet sites that are grouped under a series of broad subject areas. Chapter 4, Using Portals, describes the use of commercial templates that allow SLMSs to create their own links and images in a matter of minutes. Chapter 5, Acquiring Fee-Based Cyber Libraries, addresses a growing trend toward accessing a database of academic and research-oriented books and periodicals within a prescribed period of time for a fee. Chapter 6, Establishing Remote Access to Subscription Resources, discusses the need that students and faculty have for remote access to commercial online databases from the SLMC's cyber library. Chapter 7, Creating Cyber Reading Rooms, is devoted to encouraging SLMSs to experiment with new ideas such as hosting book discussions, starting an online book club, arranging for an author Internet chat with students, or sponsoring an online book review group. Chapter 8, Providing Cyber Library Instructional Services, furnishes guidelines for structuring cyber library instructional content. Chapter 9, Managing and Evaluating Cyber Libraries, reviews several management techniques and strategies for ensuring that a cyber library remains operative. Chapter 10, Promoting Cyber Libraries, discusses the use of the Internet for marketing and promoting library programs and services. A links citation list is provided at the end of the book. Includes an index. (Contains 107 references.) (AEF)

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